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Applicants: JohanTHEVELEIN, et al.

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It is respectfully requested that the above- identified Applicants be granted an extension of time for the period of two (2) months from October 19, 2000 to December 19, 2000, in the above-identified application to respond to the outstanding Office Action dated September 19, 2000.

Enclosed please find a check in the amount of \$390.00 for the extension fee. Please charge Deposit Account No. 08-1650 for any deficiencies or credit said account for any refunds that may be due.

If the Examiner has any questions, or wishes to discuss this matter, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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